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Personally my opinion is that the settlement does not address any settlement for the people who were effected by Microsoft's actions. Would each person who ran Microsoft for the years the settlement covers have to sue them individually to recover any financial losses they might be able to show?

The products listed as effected in the decree could be "discontinued and renamed" causing new legal action. The listing of specific products instead of a blanket statement saying: "all interaction between programs residing on the same computer or different computers must be documented and presented, whether written by Microsoft or another company..."

They could get rid of Internet Explorer and have Microsoft 'Web Viewer' released in the next version of windows.

Will this cover a release of Windows 2002? Which would probably be a bug fix of Windows 2000? But then the same API that they had to release for Win 2000 they would not for Win 2002?

Finally Windows Security information is exempt. Their Security APIs need to be released so they can be tested and their strength determined in non-biased labs. There is no good reason for these to be exempt.

Thank you,

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